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SUBJ: ABU DHABI PORT REPORT - UPDATE

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1. WAITING TIME AT ABU DHABI'S PORT ZAYED HAS RECENTLY RISEN TO THIRTEEN DAYS. PORT AUTHORITIES ATTRIBUTE THIS TO INCREASED NUMBER OF SHIP ARRIVALS WHICH THEY CLAIMS DUE TO SHIPPERS RESPONDING TO NEWS THAT PORT ZAYED IS OPENING NEW BERTHING FACILITIES. HOWEVER, TORRID SUMMER TEMPERATURES HAVE SLOWED UNLOADING AND MAY ALSO BE A FACTOR.

2. OPENING OF NEW BERTHS REPORTED REPAIR IS ON SCHEDULE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO NOW IN OPERATION. HOWEVER, STORAGE FACILITIES ASSOCIATED

WITH THESE NEW BERTHS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE SO ONLY SHIPS DISCHARGING CARGO FOR DIRECT DELIVERY ARE PRESENTLY BEING PERMITTED TO USE THE TWO NEW BERTHS.

3. ABU DHABI PORT STILL ACCEPTS NO CARGO FOR TRANSHIPMENT. PORT AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPTING TRANSHIPMENT CARGOS, BUT HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO UNTIL PORT CAN HANDLE ALL ABU DHABI CARGO WITHOUT DELAY. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OR NOT THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN FIRST PHASE EXPANSION PROGRAM IS COMPLETE IN SIX MONTHS.

4. APPEARS TO US ABU DHABI PORT DELAYS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER - ESPECIALLY DURING RAMADAN (ENTIRE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER) WHEN WAITING TIMES TRADITIONALLY RISE IN GULF PORTS. WE WOULD EXPECT DELAYS TO APPROACH IF NOT SURPASS THE MAXIMUM OF LAST YEAR (20 DAYS) IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND THEN DIMINISH AS NEW BERTHING AND STORAGE FACILITIES ARE BROUGHT ON LINE.

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